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In re application of: Gordon J. Smith : Date: November 9, 2004  
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Examiner: T. Nguyen : Intellectual Property Law  
Serial No.: 09/781,010 : Dept. 917, Bldg. 006-1  
Filed: February 9, 2001 : 3605 Highway 52 North  
Title: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR : Rochester, MN 55901  
ENABLING USERS OF GAMING  
ACTIVITIES TO AUTOMATE THEIR  
TAX DEDUCTIBLE AND  
CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS

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